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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Commission on Local Government

January 6, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Virginia Housing Center

4224 Cox Road

Glen Allen, VA 23060

#### Members Present

Diane M. Linderman, PE, Chair  
Ceasor T. Johnson, D.Min, Vice Chair  
Stephanie Davis, PhD (attending virtually)  
Edwin S. Rosado  
Robert W. Lauterberg  
Call to Order

#### Members Absent

None

The Commission on Local Government (CLG) Chair, Diane M. Linderman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. LeGrand Northcutt, Senior Policy Analyst at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) initiated a roll call vote. Mr. Northcutt informed Chair Linderman that a quorum of Commissioners Linderman, Rosado, Johnson, and Lauterberg were present in person, with Commissioner Davis attending virtually.

Pursuant to the Commission's electronic meetings policy, Commissioner Davis attended virtually under provision #2, that her principle residence is more than 60 miles from the location of the meeting. She attended from Wythe County. There was no objection to her virtual participation.

#### Administration

Chair Linderman initiated the election of new officers for 2023. Chair Linderman nominated Commissioner Rosado as the vice chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Rosado was elected unanimously.



Chair Linderman nominated Commissioner Johnson as the chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Johnson was elected unanimously.

The agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Linderman second by Commissioner Davis.

The minutes from the November 4th regular meeting were adopted unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Rosado second by Commissioner Linderman, Commissioner Lauterberg abstaining.

Chair Johnson opened the floor for the public comment period. There were no public comments, and the public comment period was closed.

#### Staff Report and Updates

Mr. Northcutt gave an update on articles of interest to the Commission that were distributed in the meeting packet. The articles noted that the City of Martinsville has ceased to pursue reversion, thus ending the process.

#### Cases before the Commission

Staff gave an update on the negotiations between the Town of Leesburg and Loudoun County and presented the proposed joint request for deferral from the parties. The request to defer would:

- Extend the deadline for Loudoun County's initial responsive filing to May 5th, 2023;
- Extend the deadline for the Town of Leesburg's reply filing to June 23rd, 2023;
- Cancel the scheduled meetings of the Commission on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> from the calendar; and
- Extend the due date for the Commission's report to October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

With the consent of the parties, Commissioner Linderman moved the adoption of the changes proposed by the joint request for deferral from the parties. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosado and passed unanimously.

Commission staff shall have a rescheduling hearing with the parties to determine proposed dates for the canceled meetings. The Commission will consider the proposed dates at its March meeting.



Staff gave logistical updates on the New Market/ Shenandoah Voluntary Settlement Agreement case.

2022 Municipal Utility Data Survey and Report

Mr. Chase Sawyer, Senior Policy Analyst at DHCD, presented the results of the 2022 Municipal Utility Data Survey and Report to the Commission.

The Commissioners discussed the results of the survey and how it might be used to determine how many utility customers are more than 60 days in arrears.

Commissioner Linderman moved to adopt the report with a second by Commissioner Rosado. The motion passed unanimously.

FY21 Fiscal Stress Report

Staff gave an update on the FY21 Fiscal Stress Report. Report results will be delayed for six months to allow localities to submit their financial information to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

2023 General Assembly Session

Staff gave an update on the role of the Commission in the legislative process and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Other business

Commissioner Linderman moved the adoption of the commemorative resolution for Commissioner Mahan with a second by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Rosado moved to adjourn until the next regular meeting with a second by Commissioner Linderman. The motion passed unanimously.

